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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) A copy of the award of the Industrial Tribunal[a] is placed on the table of the House.

" (b) The Tribunal has suggested that the Government may amend the rules framed under the Industrial Disputes Act so as to bring managements and labour unions to a sense of responsibility to observe ordinary canons of good behaviour and not use intemperate language. The Government consider that this is not a matter to be dealt with in the rules framed under the Industrial Disputes Act, but that the same purpose can be achieved through Works and Production Committees which are likely to be set up shortly."

Handmade paper industry.

* 55 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are centres in which handmade paper manufacture is carried on;

(b) whether arrangements exist in these centres to train those who wish to be trained;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, the number of persons under training in each centre;

(d) whether the economics of handmade paper production have been worked out; and if so, what is the cost of production and how it compares with that of machine-made paper;

(e) whether the Government are making use of the paper manufactured in their centres; and

(f) whether the Government have any scheme for the promotion of manufacture of handmade paper?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) Yes, Sir. There are two Handmade Paper Units, one at Viziawada and the other at Bugga, Cuddapah district, run by the Industries and Commerce Department. There is also one Handmade Paper Unit at Tiruvangimalai, Musiri Firka, Trichinopoly district, functioning under the Firka Development Scheme.

" (b) Facilities for training candidates exist in the Paper Units at Viziawada and Tiruvengimalai. No such facilities exist in the Paper Mill at Bugga as it is a small unit.

" (c) Eight students are undergoing training at present in the Handmade Paper Unit at Tiruvangimalai. No student is undergoing training at present in the Paper Mill at Viziawada.

" (d) The economics of handmade paper manufacture depend upon the quality of paper manufactured and the raw material used. The cost of production of paper varies from 8 annas to 14 annas per lb. The cost of handmade paper cannot be compared with that of mill-made paper as machine-made

[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 102-116 infra.

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articles will mostly be cheaper than handmade ones. Handmade paper is, on account of its durability, generally preferred for insurance policy paper, share certificates, documents, etc.

"(e) Yes, Sir. The Provincial Firka Development Officer is using the handmade paper manufactured by the Viziawada Unit. It is proposed to make use of the handmade paper manufactured at the departmental units in the offices under the Industries and Commerce Department.

"(f) The Department of Industries and Commerce will render all possible assistance to persons who come forward with any scheme for the promotion of manufacture of handmade paper."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, Sir, whether there was a centre at Gazulapalle in the Kurnool district?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know, what has happened to it?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"It has been closed, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—"Why should not the Government use the handmade paper in all departments and so offer an incentive and encouragement to the industry?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"I shall personally request the hon. Member to use it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"May I know whether there is any proposal by the Government to combine Bugga and Gazulapalle?"

THE HON. H. SITARAMA REDDI :—"That is one of the suggestions made by the Development Commissioner after his recent tour, and the Director of Industries is examining it, Sir."

Payment of workers in the Government hospitals.

* 56 *Q.*—SRI H. M. JAGANNATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a majority of the workers of the Government hospitals in the City are paid from what is called "Contingencies";

(*b*) whether this category of workers are started on the basic scale of pay of Rs. 12—½—15;

(*c*) whether they are full-time workers;

(*d*) whether they are paid no interim relief and no house-rent allowance;